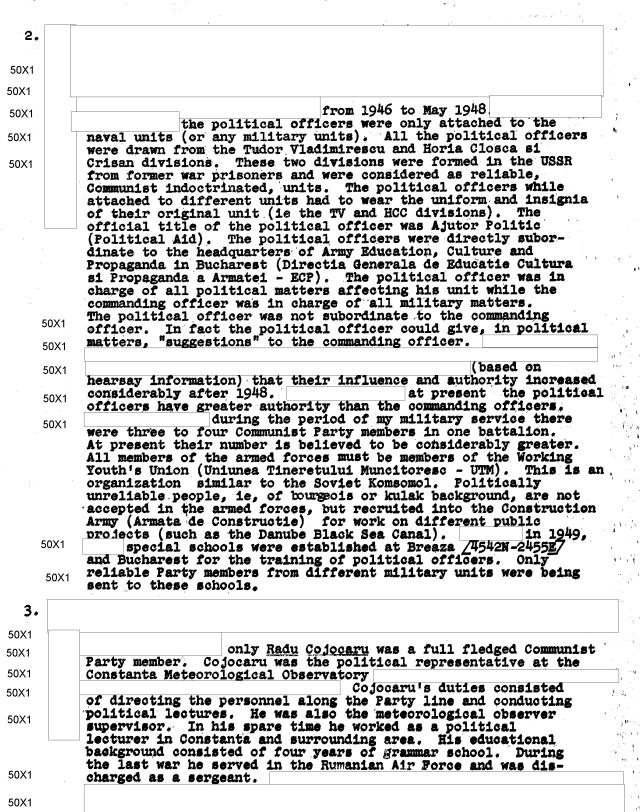
Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release @ 50-Yr 2013/06/05 : CIA-RDP82-00047R000100520005-7 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT 1952م علا DATE DISTR. 2 COUNTRY Rumania NO. OF PAGES Political Indoctrination in Rumania SUBJECT 50X1 NO. OF ENCLS. **PLACE** (LISTED BELOW) **ACQUIRED** SUPPLEMENT TO DATE ACQUIRED REPORT NO. 50X1 DATE OF INFORMATION THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 50X1 1. 50X1 the Waval Radio Operators School in Braila 50X1 50X1 school, political training was first initiated in 1945. A 50X1 political officer, who was a member of the Tudor Vladimirescu division, was in charge of political training. At that time 50X1 there was one political officer (nicknamed politruk) for each company at the naval installation to which my school was attached. These political officers were men of limited education. During 1945-46 one hour a day was devoted to political training. This training consisted mostly of reading of articles from the army newspaper the Glasul Armatei (Voice of the Army) by the political officer. The speeches praised the Soviet Union and the good treatment received by war prisoners in the Soviet Union. The political officer often said, "I was a prisoner of war in the Soviet Union and yet look how fat I am." I heard from former war prisoners in the USSR that a few months prior to release prisoners were given some kind of injection which "fattened them up" in order to make a good impression upon returning to Rumania. No anti-Western propaganda was made at 50X1 school and political courses and examinations were not given at that time. The students and other naval personnel were not interested in political training and the statements made by the political officers were, generally, not believed. Disputes between the political officers and the audience occurred often. CLASSIFICATION SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION NAVY STATE ARMY

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The feeling of Rumanian youths is generally favorable towards the US. The majority are anti-Soviet and do not believe the anti-US propagands. Most of them hope to be delivered from Soviet domination through a war between the US and the USSR. In the Summer of 1950 men with previous military experience were being asked to volunteer for Korea. This program was not advertised in the press and radio, but was do by the political instructors. The volunteers had to be between

experience were being asked to volunteer for Korea. This program was not advertised in the press and radio, but was done by the political instructors. The volunteers had to be between the age of 21 and 40. It was not necessary to be a Party member in order to enlist. The volunteers would be given, upon enlisting, a 100,000 lei bonus and 30 days leave anywhere in the country. The assembly point was supposedly located in

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people in Constanta saying that they would rather go to jail than to Korea or that they would volunteer only in order to give themselves up to the Americans.

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The attitude of the Union of Working Youth (Uniunea Tineretului Muncitoresc - UTM) members was outwardly anti-US although only a small number were really Communist indoctrinated. The grammar school children were more likely to be anti-US due to the intensive indoctrination to which they were subjected. Some parents were careful not to let their children know that they were listening to the Voice of America broadcasts for fear their children would report them to the authorities

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